

U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 10/659,750
Response filed November 5, 2007
Reply to OA dated May 3, 2007

REMARKS

Claims 1-27 are pending in this application, of which claims have been amended. No new claims have been added.

The Examiner has rejected claims 1-4, 18-22 and 27 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as unpatentable over U.S. Patent 6,052,603 to Kinzalow et al. (hereafter, "Kinzalow et al.") in view of U.S. Patent 6,058,319 to Sadler (hereafter, "Sadler").

Applicants respectfully traverse this rejection.

Kinzalow et al. discloses an interface between a portable cellular phone and an automobile radio to allow hands-free operation of the phone which is housed in a remote housing connected to a battery eliminator cigarette lighter adapter plug for installation into an automobile. The interface connects incoming signals from the cellular phone from audio frequency to radio frequency and transmits the signals to the exiting automobile radio receiver, wherein the signals are reproduced over the radio speakers. The interface may also be used with a power conversion system to increase the power of the phone transmissions. Further, the interface may be used with any external communication source, such as a facsimile machine or laptop computer and modem. The interface is also adapted for use with any stand-alone audio producing devices, such as a cassette deck or compact disc player.

The Examiner has urged that element 472 shown in FIG. 8 is a sound signal controlling unit.

Applicants respectfully disagree. Element 472 is a speaker, which is not a sound signal controlling unit, as recited in claim 1 of the instant application.

Furthermore, Kinzlow et al. fails to disclose any type of mixing unit, as recited in claim 1 of the instant application.

Sadler discloses a mobile radio telephone system including a hands free kit which allows the audio signal to be output through a car stereo system. The mobile radio telephone system includes a hand held unit, a cassette adapter, and a coupling unit. The hand held unit is a fully functional mobile telephone including a receiver and transmitter capable of transmitting and receiving voice and/or data signals. The cassette adapter is configured to load into a cassette player of a car stereo system. The cassette adapter includes a record head for contacting a playback head in the cassette player when the cassette adapter is loaded into the cassette player. A coupling unit is attached to the hand held unit and includes a coupling circuit for electrically connecting the cassette adapter to the hand held unit. When the cassette adapter is coupled to the hand held unit, audio signals are output from hand held unit to the cassette adapter and picked up by the cassette player.

Sadler, like Kinzlow et al., fails to disclose the mixing unit recited in claim 1.

Furthermore, neither of the cited references teaches, mentions or suggests either a secret call switch or a secret call output unit, as recited in claim 17 of the instant application.

Thus, the 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) rejection should be withdrawn.

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In view of the aforementioned amendments and accompanying remarks, claims 1-27, as amended, are in condition for allowance, which action, at an early date, is requested.

If, for any reason, it is felt that this application is not now in condition for allowance, the Examiner is requested to contact Applicants' undersigned attorney at the telephone number indicated below to arrange for an interview to expedite the disposition of this case.

In the event that this paper is not timely filed, Applicants respectfully petition for an appropriate extension of time. Please charge any fees for such an extension of time and any other fees which may be due with respect to this paper, to Deposit Account No. 01-2340.

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